IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nadejda G. Gurskaya, et al.

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For: NOVEL FLUORESCENT

PROTEIN FROM AEQUOREA

COERULSCENS AND METHODS FOR USING THE

SAME

Group Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Maryam Monshipouri

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 2, 2007

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 2, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two months and set to expire on June 4, 2007, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.